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Yours truly, C. E. WHITTEN.

HERE are so many papers smuggled into farm houses with cheap chromos and gilded premiums that farmers are apt to look with disfavor or indifference on the real useful and helpful papers. I myself am a subscriber to *The Rural New-Yorker*, and in my judgment it is the best farm, garden and fruit paper published. I pay \$1 a year for it, in advance, every year, and it stops when the year is out unless I send my dollar promptly, which I usually do. I make no better investment of a dollar during the year. Send to *The Rural New-Yorker*, New York, for a free sample. If you will include an extra dollar with remittance, I will see that you get it every week for a year; and I will return the dollar any time during the year if you are not satisfied with the paper and the investment.

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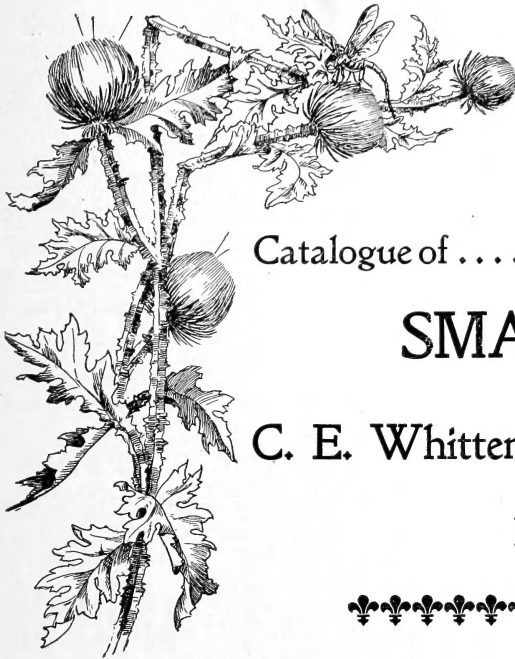
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ANNOUNCEMENT

IN again issuing my Annual Catalogue of Fruit Plants, I wish to thank my many friends for their patronage in the past, and trust that I may *merit* your future favors.

While I do not wish to pose as a "calamity howler," I will say that the past season was a disastrous one to fruit growers in this section, as I presume it was in most others. We had very warm weather in April, followed by severe frosts in May, which shortened the berry crop from one-half to three-fourths.

We had a very unfavorable season for our spring setting of Strawberries, especially the later planting, which was almost an entire failure, on account of extreme heat and drought.

But with increased acreage I have a large stock for another season's trade, and have lowered prices somewhat from last season's list.

Doubtless many of my friends will receive Catalogues from parties claiming great superiority for their plants because of the *pedigree* attached. While I make no such claim for my stock, I *have reason* to believe that my plants are *equal to any*.

In growing strawberry plants for sale we always set from one-year-old beds, which, of course, have borne fruit.

In digging we usually take up the entire row, discarding the *parent* plant and such of the *tip* plants as are not well rooted, hence we have no exhausted stock to send out.

MY LOCATION. I am located in Southwestern Michigan, about fifteen miles south of St. Joseph (see map on back cover) in what is known as the "Great Fruit Belt" of Western Michigan.

MY PRICES Are as a general thing very low, but on large lists we are sometimes able to give better rates, and invite all wanting large lots to write for estimate.

I can sell as cheaply as anyone can sell stock of equal merit, and will not be undersold by any *responsible nurseryman*. By this I do not mean to compete with *southern* stock, which is offered as low as \$1 per thousand. This class of *stuff* should never come in competition with Michigan grown plants.

TERMS. One-half cash with order, balance before stock is shipped. Or I will ship c. o. d. if one-half the amount accompanies the order and purchaser will agree to pay return charges on the money.

REMITTANCES May be made either by New York or Chicago draft, postoffice or express order, or, where none of these may be had, by registered letter.

RATES. One-half dozen, fifty and five hundred, at dozen, hundred and thousand rates. Where an order amounts to ten dollars it may be counted at lowest rates given, regardless of quantity taken.

WHEN TO ORDER. Early, by all means. The rule generally is, "First come first served," also, the early orders find full stock, while later some varieties are liable to be exhausted. Orders are filled in rotation as received except sometimes our southern patrons are ready to set in advance of those further north, these orders we usually crowd first and get them out as soon as frost is entirely out of ground in spring. In ordering please state whether I shall *substitute* some other variety in case the kind ordered should be exhausted. If not forbidden I claim the right to substitute something of equal value, but will always label true to name.

SPECIAL OFFER. On all orders received during the months of January and February with cash in full, I will make a discount of 5 per cent., or for every dollar sent during these months you may order stock to the amount of one dollar and ten cents.

ORDER BLANKS. Use the order blank when ordering, being careful to write your name *plainly*, giving Postoffice, County and State, and do this every time you write. Also keep a copy of your order yourself. Be particular to say how goods are to be sent, whether by mail, express or freight.

MY SHIPPING FACILITIES Are good, being located on the Chicago & West Michigan Railway, but few hours ride from Chicago. While I can send plants by mail when desired, I always advise shipping by express, as larger and finer plants can be sent in this way. Stock delivered free to forwarders here, after which my responsibility ceases, If there should be any delay I will do my best to hasten delivery.

Shipping season begins about April 1st, or possibly last week in March. and continues until about 1st to 10th of May.

MY PACKING Is done in the *best possible manner* (see testimonials) and under my personal care. I use light crates or baskets, with plenty of moss, for which I make no charge, and can ship safely by express to the Atlantic or Pacific seaboard.

REDUCED RATES. All Express Companies carry nursery stock at a reduction of 20 per cent. from general merchandise rates.

I notice that some nurserymen claim this as a personal reduction which they have succeeded in getting for their patrons—this is not true—it applies to all nursery stock.

CARE OF STOCK WHEN RECEIVED. If stock should be frozen when received, bury the package, unopened, in well drained ground or place in a cool cellar, so that it will thaw out gradually without being exposed to the air. If not ready to set strawberries on arrival, *do not pour water on them* in the package or in the bunch, as they will surely heat and spoil. They may be spread out thinly, in shallow trenches, with their crowns even with the surface and their roots covered firmly with soil. If ground is dry they may be watered and shaded for a few days.

GUARANTEE. While I take great pains to have stock true to name, and hold myself ready upon proper proof, to refund the money or replace any that prove untrue, it is mutually agreed that I shall not be liable for a greater sum than the amount paid for such stock.

REFERENCES. I refer to the American Express Agent or Postmaster at Bridgman; C. H. Whitcomb, Sheriff Berrien County, or Union Banking Company, St. Joseph, Mich., as to my standing and reliability. Parties writing either of the above please enclose stamps for reply.

IN CONCLUSION. I have endeavored to give *truthful* descriptions of the different sorts as I have seen them growing, of course some of the later introductions are given with the "Introducer's Description". While I would not urge anyone to purchase largely of any untried variety yet I think it is *advisable* to test them on your own soil in a small way at first. It is needless for me to say that all of our *Standards* were once "*novelties*".

I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may wish to ask as to desirability of varieties; mode of culture, etc., and will gladly give you the benefit of my experience if desired.

It will be a great help to me if my *friends* will speak a good word for my trade if they have an opportunity, and will be thoroughly appreciated.

If more than one Catalogue is received please hand this to some one who you think will be interested in Small Fruit.

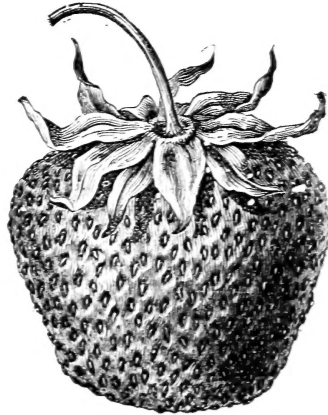


STRAWBERRIES

CULTURE. The blossoms of all varieties are bi-sexual, or perfect, except those marked with the letter (P) which are destitute of stamens, and are termed pistillate, or imperfect. Pistillate varieties must have perfect-flowered sorts planted near them to pollinize their blossoms. It is best to have every third row planted with some perfect flowering sort that will bloom at the same time.

If by mail add 25 cents per 100 for postage. At dozen rates post free. At thousand rates by express or freight.

Satisfaction—Originator's Description.—This is a seedling of Wilson and a reproduction of that grand old variety, having a large, full, perfect blossom and the plant in every way closely resembling its parent except that it is a much more vigorous grower and makes plants more freely, with a clean, healthy foliage, having no rust or weakness of any kind, berries large to very large, heart-shaped and always of the same shape. We have never seen an ill-shaped or buttony berry on this variety in the four seasons we have fruited it. It holds fruit up well on strong trusses. Color, scarlet; always coloring all over at the same time. Flesh red, quality good, being less acid than that of its parent. It is very productive, at least equal to Haverland in this respect. Berry firm and will carry well to a distant market. Season, medium.



SATISFACTION

The following is the report of the *RURAL NEW YORKER* July 20, 1895, page 490:

"**SATISFACTION** (B.)—From G. W. Howard, Stevensville, Mich.—Received May, 1894. June 7. Regular, heart-shaped, scarlet, mild. Fine tall plants, covering the berries well; strong producers. Season medium, Productive. June 11. Berries average large and shapely, heart-shaped, always regular; red flesh. Vines vigorous, healthy and productive. It is worth trying. Quite firm for so light a berry. June 17. In full bearing. Berries from medium to very large, good form. Exceedingly productive, fairly firm only. June 18. Past its best season. June 21. Still bearing good sized berries of good quality. Vine thrifty."

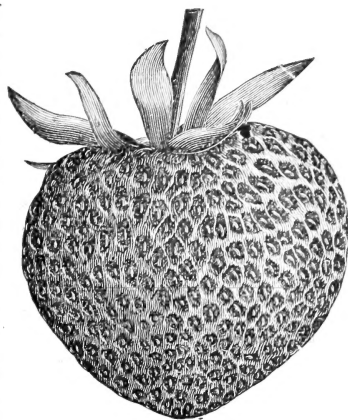
We have been personally acquainted with Mr. Howard, the originator of this berry, for twelve years and know that he makes the growing of strawberries a specialty, growing new seedlings and testing others as they are introduced. We have seen this berry on the ground of the originator, and should it prove with others as it has at its home and on the experimental grounds of the *RURAL NEW YORKER* it will be as its name implies, "Satisfaction." indeed.

I have made arrangements with Mr. Dunham, who is introducing this new berry, whereby I can offer it at his price, namely: Dozen, \$2; hundred, \$10.

Bisel. (P.) The Bisel is a seedling of the Wilson, propagated in 1887. Blossoms are pistillate. Plant healthy, vigorous growers and abundant plant makers. They have long, fine, matted roots which enable them to stand severe drouths. The fruit is very large, luscious and firm. Color, a deep, glossy red, with a double calyx. Very productive. Season same as the Crescent, but continues to fruit later, and very uniform in shape and size. The fruit is held from the ground by large fruit trusses, but is protected from frost by its large foliage. One of the best plant makers. Runners large and long, and sets its plants wide apart. Can be set $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 feet in the row and make a solid row sufficient to produce a full crop. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 75c; thousand, \$5.00.

Dayton. A fine large berry of dark crimson color, firm, of handsome form and excellent quality. The plant is a healthy and vigorous grower with large, clean foliage. Rather light yielder. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$2.75.

Brandywine. One of the most promising of all the new strawberries is undoubtedly Brandywine. It is very far from being unknown, however, for it has been reported upon by the experiment stations, written up by the horticultural papers and talked of by fruit growers until it has become very generally known in horticultural circles. We believe it will bear out all that has been said of it. It is supposed to be a cross between Glendale and Cumberland and originated in eastern Pennsylvania. The berries are of immense size, of roundish-conical or heart-shaped form, regular and uniform, bright, glossy crimson, very handsome, firm and solid, excellent in quality, with fine, aromatic flavor. The plant is remarkably vigorous, large, healthy, hardy and productive. The berries color all over evenly and retain their large size to the last; every berry comes to maturity. Its great productiveness, very large size, beauty and good quality render it a most desirable berry for the home garden and market. Midseason to late. Dozen, 25c; hundred, \$1.00; thousand, \$6.00.



BRANDYWINE

Wm. Belt. "Originated in Southern Ohio by Wm. Belt. The plant is one of the largest, a very luxuriant grower, making an abundance of strong runners, and as healthy and hardy as other varieties. It has a perfect blossom and is very productive, much more so than the Bubach. It is very large indeed. I had it on exhibition at our strawberry show last summer—twelve berries to the quart. A few days later I had three quarts containing 37 berries. These were selected from 12 quarts picked from a matted row with good, ordinary culture. It has produced a good many 8-inch berries on spring-set plants within ten weeks from planting. The first berry on the stem is quite apt to be cockscombed, but those following are rather long, conical and quite uniform in shape and size. The color is bright, glossy red, and it colors all over. It is as firm as ordinary berries, and of better quality than is often found in large varieties. In productiveness, size, beauty and quality the Wm. Belt will scale higher than any other variety I ever raised."

M. CRAWFORD.

"Berries large, conical, rather long, regular in outline; bright red, glossy; quality, good; moderately firm. Plants vigorous, healthy and quite prolific. This is one of the most promising varieties ever tested at this station. In size and general appearance it compares favorably with the Marshall, but holds out better towards the end of the season, gives a greater number of large berries. It has been tested two seasons here and the Marshall only one, hence an opinion as to relative value here would be premature. The Marshall has pretty generally been accorded a high place and the probability is that the Wm. Belt will take about the same rank."—*Ohio Experiment Station, October, 1894.*

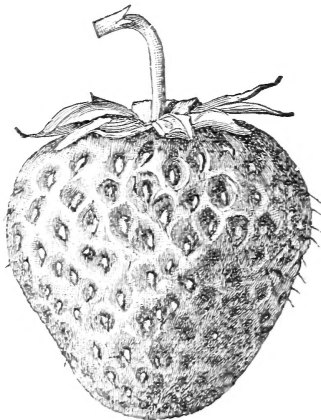
Dozen, \$1.00; hundred, \$5.00.

Clyde. Originated with Stayman & Black, Kansas. We have not yet fruited it, but having procured plants from the originators the past season we have a stock of very fine plants of our own growing which we now offer at originator and introducers' prices. The plant is a strong grower, very healthy, making plants freely, and at the same time makes heavy crowns, indicating productiveness, which fact is borne out at the Michigan Experiment Station:

CLYDE, B.—Plants from Stayman & Black, Leavenworth, Kan. First received as Cycloma. The plants are of very strong growth; leaf-stalks long, slender; leaflets usually small, ovate; color, medium green; texture, papery; teeth, large, rounded. First ripe fruit, June 11. Crop at best June 24–26. Fruit large to medium in size, round conical or broad conical, dark scarlet color; flesh, dark; productiveness, 9.8; quality, 8.5; firmness, 9.2.

The plants remained healthy and crop held out well to close of season. They are productive and the berries are firm. One of the most promising of the new varieties for market purposes.—*Michigan Experiment Station.*

Dozen, \$2.00; hundred, \$10.00.



ELEANOR

season being as green as a field of clover, when all other varieties are sere and brown.

This strawberry is a chance seedling found in Atlantic county, New Jersey, and has been thoroughly tested in field culture on an extended scale for several years. It is by far the earliest large berry and the most prolific early variety yet offered.—*Introducer's Description*.

Dozen, 75c; hundred, \$3.25.

Splendid. Originated at Sterling, Ill. Plant, a vigorous grower, equal to Warfield in this respect. Blossoms perfect. Berries are borne on tall fruit stalks and are large, firm and a fine color. Ripens evenly all over, globular, very productive. Few, if any, blanks. No mistake can be made in using this variety to pollinize Warfield, Crescent and Greenville. Early to midseason.

M. Crawford says: "I have no scruples in recommending this as one of the reliable varieties. It produces a large crop of fine fruit and is as well able to mature its berries as any we have. It is probably the deepest rooted plant I have. Blossoms perfect."

Dozen, 35c; hundred, 80c; thousand \$6.

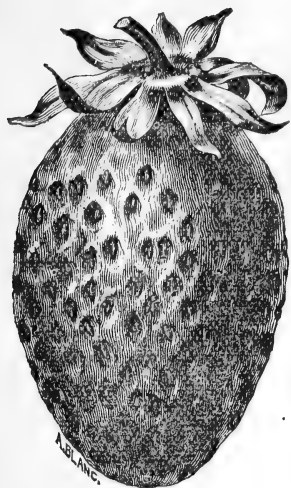
Marshall. The following is what the originator says of this berry:

"Three thousand baskets of berries picked on one-third of an acre last year. The berries are very large size, fourteen filling a basket. Color, very dark crimson throughout; fine flavor and fine grain, and good keeper, which commends it for garden or market purposes; blossoms perfect."

The plant is a vigorous, strong, healthy grower; a good plant maker; berries, dark crimson when ripe; but with us was damaged by repeated frosts last season as were most varieties. Dozen, 35c; hundred, \$1.50.

Greenville. (P.) A large, showy berry that will certainly bring rich returns to those who will give it the treatment it merits. It somewhat resembles Bubach, being of vigorous plant and bearing a large berry none too firm for shipment, but it is a profitable berry to grow for a near market and will give good returns under a liberal treatment. The berries are large and fine, bright crimson in color, and of excellent quality. It is only moderately firm, but of fine appearance and sells readily at sight. The plant is large, robust and productive, with healthy, clean foliage. It is much better than Bubach in quality and rather firmer in flesh; a decided improvement. Midseason. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$3.00.

Tennessee Prolific. (P.) The plants show as fine as one could ask for. We saw it fruiting this season. It is large, good color, productive of good shape, free from rust, and will surely rank among the best in the strawberry list. This is a berry that everybody wants. It is a seedling of Sharpless and Crescent, showing the parentage of both. The fruit is large, handsome and as productive as Haverland. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 75c.



PARKER EARL

Parker Earl Is one of the leading strawberries. It has been tested over wide range of country. Probably no other berry has received so many favorable and so few adverse reports. Flowers, perfect, always setting perfect fruit. Its one failing is over production. It sets more fruit than it can possibly ripen under ordinary treatment. It needs rich soil and high culture, when it will give satisfaction. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 60c; thousand, \$3.75.

Muskingum. Fruit is large, obtusely conical in form, nearly round toward the end of the season, regular in outline and fine looking. Its color is dark, glossy red with red flesh, and firm enough to carry well to a distant market. Quality good for a market berry. A strong grower, continues green and luxuriant through the season. Claimed to be more prolific and profitable than the Crescent. Dozen, 30c; hundred, 75c.

Princess. (P) From Minnesota. Plant healthy and vigorous, very productive, blossoms, pistillate. Fruit, very large, of regular form, light red color, and good flavor. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 60c; thousand, \$4.

Beverly. A seedling of Miner's Prolific, and a decided improvement on that variety. It has a perfect blossom and the habits of the plant are excellent in every way. Fruit, large, roundish conical, dark, glossy red, and excellent in quality. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$3.00.

Timbrell. (P) The plant resembles that of the Bubach, but is a more luxuriant grower and a better bearer. The fruit is very large, nearly always of regular conical form, reasonably firm and of very superior flavor. The color is crimson to the center. Those who have the best means of knowing say that it will endure more wet weather without injury and will keep longer before and after picking than most varieties. It is very late. This has proved disappointing by reason of its failure to ripen evenly. It is apt to have a mottled appearance which spoils its sale in the market. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 60c.

Enhance. Where it succeeds this will prove a profitable market berry for shipment. Plant is vigorous, a good grower and productive. Fruit large, rather irregular, dark crimson color, firm; quality, good, slightly acid. It is said to be a cross between Sharpless and Windsor Chief, but resembles neither of them. It possesses the necessary qualifications for a profitable market berry. Midseason to late. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 60c; thousand, \$3.00.

Barton's Eclipse. (P) A variety from Kentucky. Has done remarkably well with us. One of the finest kinds we have. Luxuriant grower, with dark green, perfectly healthy foliage; strong roots, standing extreme drouth or wet; one of the most productive; berries very large, bright scarlet, uniform size, excellent quality, firm, carries to market well and brings the highest market price. Well worthy trial everywhere either for home use or market.

With me the past season this has shown another desirable quality—ability to withstand spring frosts. While most varieties were badly injured or complete failures Barton's and Haverland produced full crops.

Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$3.00.

Leader. From Reading, Mass. This will be a favorite with those who want to raise fine berries either for home use or market. It has made a good record as far as I have heard, is a strong, healthy plant and abundantly productive. The fruit is very fine, dark, glossy red, of good form, excellent quality and quite firm. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$3.00.

Belle. One of Thompson's seedlings, first introduced as No. 51. Plant, a thrifty grower. Berries of peculiar shape, long and very slender. Season, late. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 75c.

Governor Hoard. A very reliable variety and good for either home use or market. A good grower and bearer. Blossom perfect. Rather early, of large size, good form, dark red and of excellent quality. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c.

Bubach No. 5 (P) Fruit large and handsome, roundish conical, bright scarlet, moderately firm, of fair quality. Plant, a strong grower, with large, healthy foliage, and very productive. Succeeds on light or heavy soil. Desirable for home use and near market. One of the best of the later introductions. Season, early to medium. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$2.75.

Haverland. (P) Plants very large, healthy, vigorous, and ripen their fruit evenly and early, holding out through the season. Berries are fine, uniform in shape, very large, excellent flavor and bright red color. One of the best market varieties. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$2.75.

Beder Wood. This is generally conceded to be one of the best early varieties for home use or a near market. It is a splendid grower, making a large number of strong runners. It has a perfect blossom and is immensely productive. Fruit of good size, round, light red, of medium firmness and good quality. One of the best to plant with early blooming pistillate varieties. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$2.75.

Lovett. No person need hesitate to plant this variety for either home use or market, as it succeeds generally in any soil or locality. It is one of the tough, hardy varieties that never disappoint the grower. It has a perfect blossom and bears heavily. The fruit is from medium to large size, conical, firm and of good color and quality. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$2.25.

Crawford. With good culture this is one of the very best. The plant is a good grower and a great bearer. Blossom perfect. Fruit very large, conical, sometimes irregular on the surface, but never flat. Color, dark, glossy red. Flesh, quite firm and very good. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 75c.

Saunders. A Canadian berry, of great value for the market grower. The plant is large and vigorous, free from rust, and is as healthy and hardy as any ever sent out. It makes many runners, has a perfect blossom, and is enormously productive. The fruit is very large, conical, slightly flattened, and often has a depression on one or both sides. It is of a deep red and remarkably glossy. The flesh is of the same color, with a sprightly, agreeable flavor. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 60c; thousand, \$3.75.

Princeton Chief. (P.) It is a tall, luxuriant grower, with large, dark green foliage, free from rust, very prolific, enduring extremes of heat and cold. It has been tested on different soils for a number of years, and will succeed wherever Crescent will. Dozen, 30c; hundred, 75c; thousand, \$4.00.

Columbian. The originator says: "In placing this berry before the public we do so with a feeling of assurance that it will please, as its place with us is first on the list. We consider it the best Strawberry in cultivation. It is a bright scarlet color, so much desired in a market berry, and is quite firm, and remarkably large for an early berry. Ripens with Mitchel's Early and Hoffman, and is an immense yielder; it actually bears in piles. Most early berries are shy bearers and small in size, but the Columbian reverses this. We do not claim it to be as good, but THE BEST early berry. It is a strong grower and has a *perfect blossom*. All who have tried the Columbian give it the highest praise. It is free from rust, sends its roots deep in the ground, thereby standing drought without dying out in spots. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$3.00.

Wolverton. This originated with John Little, of Canada, and has been tested in many localities, and wherever tried has given satisfaction. It is healthy and hardy, a strong grower, makes plenty of plants, bears a large crop of very large berries, resembling Bubach in form, but bright red in color and good quality. Moderately firm. Season, late. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 60c; thousand, \$3.75.

Jessie. A seedling of the Sharpless. Berry of very large size, continuing large to the last picking. Bright, handsome color; flesh firm, of a delicious, pine-apple flavor. Plant, a luxurious grower, healthy and productive. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$2.50.

Warfield. (P) It is not immensely large, but its great beauty, firmness, earliness, good flavor, productiveness and vigor, combined with good size, make it exceedingly popular. Ripens with Crescent, and is superceding that variety for a reliable market berry. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$2.00.

Gandy. A cross between Jersey Queen and Glendale, possessing some good qualities of each, making a valuable late variety. Berries, bright crimson size and shape, large, firm and ripen late; plant healthy. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$2.50.

Sharpless. Demands rich, strong soil, without which it is apt to prove disappointing in yield. The plant is exceedingly large and vigorous and quite free from rust or blight. Berries, large to very large, somewhat irregular in shape, crimson, moderately firm and of good quality. It is a profitable variety for a near market on account of its large size. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$2.75.

Crescent. (P) Medium to large, conical, slightly depressed at the apex. Color bright scarlet; flesh, soft, quite acid; plant very vigorous and hardy, and for productiveness has scarcely an equal. Very profitable for home market. Season, early to late. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$2.00.

Mitchel's Early. The earliest variety. Resembles Crescent, but ripens several days earlier and is much firmer. Planted largely and giving the best of satisfaction as a market berry south. Not prolific enough for a standard market variety in the north. Good as a fertilizer. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 40c; thousand, \$1.75.

Wilson. The popular old market sort. Still retained for its many good qualities. To obtain best results it should be grown on rich, heavy soil, and the beds renewed often, when it is large and productive. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$2.50.

Iowa Beauty. Plant, strong, vigorous grower; healthy foliage, dark green. Berry, medium in size, one of the most beautiful in color, firm, and of the best quality. Fairly productive. Season, medium. Dozen, 23c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$2.50.

Van Deman. This extra early and superior strawberry is a great success. It is perfect flowering and very early in fruiting. Berries large and lots of them. We picked ripe fruit long before our general varieties were ready to pick. The quality is rich and its earliness and productiveness will go a great way in making it one of the leading varieties to plant for market. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$3.00.

Jucunda Improved. A decided improvement, for the old Jucunda in its palmiest days never possessed the vigor and endurance of this noble variety. And the berry itself is no less fine; large, regular and uniform, firm and solid; rich crimson in color and rich in flavor; it is one of the finest for the home garden and profitable for markets where large fancy fruit is in demand. It is a good bearer and delights in a rich, moist soil, given which there are few varieties which exceed it in beauty, uniformity and solidity of flesh. Lovers of the old Jucunda, who are now mourning the absence of that capricious favorite may well be consoled by the advent of this fine variety. Midseason. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 60c.

Burt's Seedling. Similar to Wilson's Albany; as firm for shipping, better flavor, equally as productive, and a much healthier plant. Being planted extensively in northern New York as one of the best shipping sorts. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$2.75.

Robinson. A new berry from Kansas. Originated by crossing Crescent with Chas. Downing. The plant resembles the Crescent but is darker green. Its fruit is larger than Crescent; perfect bloom, more than equaling Capt. Jack in pollen. It is a week later than Crescent, but continues in bearing as long as the latest varieties, and will produce more perfect berries than Crescent. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$3.00.

RASPBERRIES

CULTURE. Any soil that will produce good field crops is suitable for Raspberries. Pulverize the ground thoroughly and manure liberally. The red, or sucker variety should be planted in rows six feet apart with the plants four feet apart in the rows; requiring 2,400 plants per acre.

The cap varieties, for field culture, should be planted in rows seven feet apart with the plants three feet and six inches apart in the rows; requiring 1,725 plants per acre. In garden culture, plant four feet apart each way.

Our customers will find our plants well rooted and first-class in every particular.

If to be sent by mail add 10 cents per dozen; 40 cents per hundred; at thousand rates by express or freight only.

Miller Red Raspberry. The bush is a stout, healthy, vigorous grower, not quite so tall as the Cuthbert, rather more stocky and dwarfish. It is well calculated to hold up the immense crops of fruit with which it loads itself.

"As compared with Cuthbert and Thompson, in the same field, it has never yet shown any signs of winter killing, while these have both suffered the past mild winter considerably. Berry is large as Cuthbert, holding its size to the end of the season, round in shape, color, bright red, does not fade, but will hold its color after shipment longer than any other red variety, core very small, does not crumble, making it the best shipping berry in existence; has not the flat taste of some varieties, but a rich, fruity flavor entirely its own. The time of ripening is with the very earliest, the first picking being with Thompson's Early, June 11th, the Miller producing double the quantity of berries at a picking that Thompson did in the same field under the same conditions, continuing until August 3d—Thompson having been gone three weeks—fully as prolific as Cuthbert. It does not seem particular as to soil, having been fruited on light sandy, gravelly and heavy clay soil with equal success. To sum up, it possesses the following points of superiority as compared with other varieties: 1st. Ripens with the very earliest. 2d. Productiveness equal to any. 3d. Has no equal as shipper. 4th. Perfectly hardy. 5th. Quality unsurpassed. 6th. Attractive color."—*Introducer's Description.*

Dozen, 75c; hundred, \$3.00.

Loudon Red. (See cut on envelope.) This originated in Wisconsin, and is a cross between Turner and Cuthbert. Its canes are strong and hardy, and it is wonderfully productive. In addition to this it is of large size, good color and excellent quality. I understand that the President of our State Horticultural Society, after visiting its place of origin, was so well pleased with its general characteristics that he contemplates setting twenty acres of Loudon for market. 25c each; dozen, \$2.

Cuthbert, or Queen of the Market. A remarkably strong, hardy variety. Stands the northern winds and southern summers equal to any. Berry, very large, measuring three inches around; conical, rich crimson, very handsome, and so firm they can be shipped hundreds of miles by rail in good condition. Flavor is sweet, rich and luscious. The leading market variety for main crop. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$4.00.

Brandywine. A bright scarlet berry, firm, large and beautiful. Bush hardy and productive. A good market variety. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$4.00.

Hansell. The earliest red raspberry. Profitable on account of its extreme earliness, bright, attractive color and firmness. Canes rather small, but exceedingly hardy and productive, with tough, healthy foliage, enduring the hottest sun with impunity. Berries of large size, bright crimson, good quality and firm. Upon strong soil the yield is very large, and in some locations it is regarded the best of all. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$4.00.

Turner. Medium size, red, moderately firm, juicy and sweet; vigorous and prolific if suckers are kept down of which it is very productive. Much esteemed for its good quality and the extreme hardness of the plant. Season early. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 50c; thousand, \$4.00.

Schaffer's Colossal. Fruit, large, purple, soft, with a sprightly, sub-acid flavor. Plant, very vigorous hardy and productive. Much esteemed in some localities. Season, medium to late. Dozen, 35c; hundred; \$1.00.

Golden Queen. This may be termed a golden Cuthbert, as it is a seedling, or sport, of that popular variety. Its leading characteristics are large size, great beauty, high quality and productiveness. This superb new raspberry is destined to more than fill the place of that old luscious yellow raspberry, Brinkle's Orange, as it gives us the same handsome, large golden berries, without the nursing and care the Brinkles required to bring the canes alive through the winter. The canes are of the strongest growth. It is wonderfully productive, ripening in midseason, and will be planted extensively for market, and no home garden should be without it. Dozen, 35c; hundred 75c; thousand, \$6.00.

Kansas. "For a good second early black cap there is none better than this. It possesses all the valuable attributes of a profitable market sort, and its large size and handsome appearance insures for it always a ready sale and good prices. The fruit is almost as large as Gregg and with much less bloom, handsome, firm and of fine quality. Its canes are of strong growth, entirely hardy, and prolific; with tough, healthy, clean foliage. Its season is about second early—later than Souhegan, but much earlier than Gregg. By reason of its greater hardiness, less bloom and ripening earlier, it is a great improvement upon Gregg."

I saw this the past season at the summer meeting of our State Horticultural Society, held at the Agricultural College farm near Lansing, where all the varieties are being tested. Kansas was just beginning to ripen, and seemed to be about the same season as Palmer and Souhegan. For *thrift* and *productiveness* it excelled all others of its season. This was the verdict of all who examined it. I have a fine lot of well-rooted tips to offer for spring. Dozen, 35c. Hundred, \$1.00. Thousand, \$9.00.

Older. The first thing noticeable about this excellent blackcap is the fact that it is entirely distinct from any other variety and differs in cane, foliage and fruit. The Older is not an early berry; compared with other sorts, but ripens the bulk of its crop about with the Ohio. The berries are large, approaching very nearly to Gregg in size, but are destitute of bloom and present a shining, jet-black appearance. The seeds are smaller than in other varieties. The quality is sweet and rich. Canes are of good strength, always vigorous and free from disease, and bear an immense crop. It is a profitable market sort to follow an early variety, and it is valuable for sections subject to extremes of cold and drought, by reason of its hardy cane, tough foliage, and wonderful endurance in a drought. It is also highly desirable and equally satisfactory in the home garden for family use. Dozen, 35c; hundred, 90c; thousand, \$7.50.

Gregg. The leading late black cap, and a popular market sort. Dozen, 35c. Hundred, 60c. Thousand, \$5.00.

Palmer's Seedling. It ripens at the same time as Souhegan, but yields much more fruit at first picking; completes ripening its crop in shorter time and commands the highest price in the market. What we claim for the Palmer is iron-clad hardiness, early ripening, large size, good quality of fruit, and wonderful productiveness, often bending the canes to the ground under the weight of the fruit. The Palmer has been tested from the Atlantic to the Pacific, receiving the highest commendation from all sources, and fully establishing it as the best and most productive Early Black Cap yet introduced. Dozen, 35c; hundred, 75c; thousand, \$5.50.

Also several hundred transplants, or one year's growth from the tip, at \$1 per 100.

Souhegan, or Tyler. One of the earliest black raspberries, and leading early market sort. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 60c; thousand, \$5.50.

Seed Potatoes

A fine lot of Rural New Yorker seed potatoes at 60c per bushel or \$1.50 per bbl. Also a few Irish Daisy, a new variety of great merit, at \$1.00 per bushel \$2.50 per bbl.

BLACKBERRIES

Should be planted in rows six or seven feet apart, three to five feet in the rows. Keep the ground light and rich. Pinch the canes back when they have reached the height of from two to three feet. If to be sent by mail, add 10 cents per dozen or 50 cents per hundred for postage.

Early Harvest. This is one of the earliest in cultivation; a compact dwarf grower; fruit medium size and fine quality; an enormous bearer. It is so early, and it bears so well, eats so well, ships so well and sells so well, it is of very noticeable value to a large portion of our country. Not perfectly hardy here in this latitude, and needs protection during the winter. But the past season proved it to be the hardiest in the bud of any variety we grow, for while Kittatinny, Lawton and others were badly hurt by the late spring frosts, the Early Harvest did not show a single blossom blasted. I have several thousand of very nice sucker plants. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 75c; thousand, \$5.00.

Kittatinny. Commences to ripen after the Wilson's Early and continues longer in bearing; is ripe as soon as black, and much earlier, sweeter and better in every respect than the Lawton, which it resembles in plant and fruit. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 75c; thousand, \$5.00.

Lawton. (NEW ROCHELLE.) An old favorite.. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 75c; thousand, \$6.50.

Wilson's Early. Of good size, very early beautiful dark color, sweet, excellent flavor and very productive. Ripens the whole crop nearly together. Dozen, 25c; hundred, 75c; thousand, \$6.00.

Taylor. One of the largest blackberries grown. Fruit of the best quality, melting and without core. Productive; hardy as the Snyder, which renders it very valuable. Dozen, 35c; hundred, \$1.00.

Erie. A chance seedling but recently brought to the notice of the public, and considered a valuable acquisition, being perfectly hardy and very productive. Fruit of first quality, large size, ripens early. Root cutting plants. Doz. 50c; hundred \$1.75.

Gooseberries

Downing. Very large, handsome, pale green and of splendid quality for both cooking and table use. Bush a vigorous grower and usually free from mildew. One of the best for both home use and market. Two years. Dozen, 75c; hundred, \$6.00.

Houghton. The old well-known sort. Small, pale red, sweet and good. Bush, vigorous, productive and reliable. Two years. Dozen, 60c; hundred, \$4.50.

Currants

Red Dutch. An old, well-known sort. Good quality, berry, medium, long branch. Very productive. Two years. Dozen, 60c; hundred, \$3.50.

Victoria. Large, bright red; bunches extremely long, berries, medium size, of excellent quality. Good, erect grower. Very productive. Ripens late, making it one of the most valuable sorts. Two years. Dozen, 75c; hundred, \$3.50.

Grapes

Concord. The most popular market variety. Dozen, 60c; hundred, \$3.00.

Worden. A splendid large grape of the Concord type, but earlier, larger in bunch and berry, and of decidedly better quality. Vine hardier than that old standby and every way as healthy. A very popular sort, planted largely for market. Next to Concord in number used. Two years. Dozen, 75c; hundred, \$4.00.

TESTIMONIALS

GEORGETOWN, IND., April 16, 1895.

MR. C. E. WHITTEN,

Dear Sir:—The plants that you shipped me are the finest I ever saw. I have them all set out and they look fine. I am *well pleased* and must confess that plants were much better than I expected to get. They were packed *right in every respect*, and when we opened them they looked fresh and green, and I think they could have been kept in those crates for two weeks or more with safety. If you think I can help you in any way, in this locality, give reference to me, and I will be glad to put in a word for you and your plants.

Yours truly, J. M. BAYLOR.

[Mr. Baylor's order was for 32,000 Strawberry plants.]

RITCHIE, ILL, March 6, 1895.

MR. WHITTEN:

Dear Sir:—Don't think I lost a dozen out of the 10,000 plants I got of you last spring and this spring we have fine beds and good prospects for a full crop of berries. I will take great pleasure in recommending others to you.

Yours most respectfully, R. W. GARRETT.

WESTERLY, R. I., April 26, 1895.

MR. C. E. WHITTEN, Bridgman, Mich.

Dear Sir:—Box of plants received in good condition.

Very truly, E. W. CLARKE.

NEW LISBON, WIS. Nov. 6, 1895.

C. E. WHITTEN, Bridgman:

Dear Sir:—The thirty odd thousand strawberry plants bought of you last spring came in good condition and made a satisfactory growth, considering the dry season. I could not prevail upon my superintendent to use enough care in planting, so that some died when the dry weather came on; but this was on account of having planted with a spade, and dropping the roots too much in a bunch. If it pays to plant at all it pays to plant right; strawberries are no exception to the rule. The roots should be spread about as they naturally grow, and they should be cultivated at once after every rain, to get best results.

Respectfully,

W. H. H. CASH.

C. E. WHITTEN, Bridgman, Mich.

NORMAL, ILL., April 6, 1895.

Dear Sir:—The 10,000 strawberry plants ordered from you came to-day. They were in splendid condition although they were on the road eight days. All of the stock that I have bought of you has given entire satisfaction. 1st, your selection of plants, carefully bunched, roots well straightened. 2d, being well packed with moss, in ventilated boxes so that the danger of heating is obviated. I would advise persons wanting strawberry plants to give you a trial order. After that they will know where to buy.

Yours truly,

JOHN R. DODGE.

C. E. WHITTEN, Bridgman, Mich.

TREMPEALEAU, Wis., April 19, 1895.

Dear Sir:—The plants shipped April 12 have just arrived, all O. K. I hasten to send you another order to be shipped by American express as soon as possible. 3,000 Haverland, 1,000 Bederwood, 2,000 Jessie, 1,000 Greenville, 500 Bubach, 500 Princess.

Yours Respectfully,

C. S. WOOSTER.

FRANKLIN, Neb., April 25, 1895.

C. E. WHITTEN, Bridgman, Mich.

Dear Sir:—The strawberries you shipped the 20th arrived the 22d in fine condition. They are satisfactory. Accept thanks.

Very truly yours,

M. M. F.

MARSHALL, MINN., April 26, 1895.

Dear Sir:—The plants came all right. I have never seen a better lot, and they were put up nicely. I judge them to be true to name too. You have fulfilled your part of the deal very creditably.

Very truly yours,

M. M. CURTIS.

CANTON CITY, COLO., April 13, 1895.

Dear Sir:—Plants arrived all right. They are nice plants and I think not much dried out in transit. Thanks for the Timbrill plants sent complimentary.

Yours truly, W. B. FELTON.

ZIONTOWN, OHIO, April 20, 1895.

Mr. C. E. Whitten, *Dear Sir:*—Plants arrived in good condition. I get better plants from you than any I have ever bought yet. Thanks for your promptness. Don't fail to send me catalogue next year.

Yours respectfully,

I. H. ZARTMAN.

GLENWOOD, MICH., April 17, 1895.

Dear Sir:—Plants received next day after they were shipped, in fine condition. Please give me a chance next spring.

Yours truly,

C. E. ADAMS.

SAVANNA, May 6, 1895.

C. E. WHITTEN, Bridgman, Mich.,

Dear Sir:—I received plants all right, and am well pleased. They are in good shape. If I need any more I know where to find them.

Yours respectfully, PETER NICKLAS.

VERMILLION, SOUTH DAKOTA, April 12, 1895.

Mr. Whitten:—Plants arrived all O. K., a fine lot, some different from what I received from other nurserymen last season.

Truly yours, H. E. DIMICK.

LAPEER, MICH., April 30, 1895.

Dear Sir:—The strawberry plants reached me on the 26th in splendid condition; as fresh and bright as though still in their native bed. They are all nice, strong plants and very satisfactory. Thanks for your promptness in filling order.

Very respectfully, C. W. COX.

BOONVILLE, IND., April 21, 1895.

Mr. Whitten:—Received the plants today in splendid condition. Very much obliged. I will call again.

Yours respectfully, E. T. JEFFRIES.

ATLANTIC, IOWA, April 18, 1895.

Dear Sir:—The 16,500 strawberry plants arrived today and they are fine plants. *No man* has any reason to find fault with such plants. You do more work on them than we want done, *i. e.* tie in 258. We would *always* prefer them in 508.

Yours truly, R. D. MCGEEHON.

ALBIA, April 16, 1895.

Mr. Whitten:—The six bushels of Rural New Yorker potatoes arrived in good condition. We are well pleased with them and the measure you gave. Will order strawberry plants in a few days.

Respectfully, M. S. GRAHAM.

Plants received. Am well pleased. Strawberry plants best I ever bought, they look well, those silky, fine white vibrous roots show that they are young plants that never bore a crop. When I found express charges to be \$2.00 I thought I made a mistake in ordering plants so far from home, considering that a responsible nursery is within 30 miles of me, but after seeing plants never regreted it. A friend of mine will send an order.

J. BOLLINGER, Vienna, O.

CHARLEVOIX, MICH., May 18, 1895.

C. E. WHITTEN, Bridgman, Michigan,

Dear Sir:—Please accept thanks for extra strawberry plants. They arrived in fine condition, and I am pleased with them.

Yours truly, E. A. STEWART.

GEORGETOWN, IND., April 13, 1895.

Dear Sir:—You shipped my order promptly. The plants are in fine condition; the stock can't be beat, the count is full. I am much pleased with your manner of doing business. Accept my thanks for the special care you took in filling, packing, and shipping my order. Look out, you will hear from me again.

Yours truly, G. W. HISB.

DALTON CITY, ILL., April 30, 1895.

Sir:—My strawberry and raspberry plants came all right, and such plants as the strawberries were, with *such* roots, and all trimmed. They are cheaper than digging my own little stunts.

Yours, A. S. FREELAND.

IRWIN, O., April 15, 1895.

C. E. Whitten:—The plants I ordered came in good shape, and I am well pleased with them. Accept thanks for the extra dozen raspberry plants.

Respectfully, A. ERWIN.

GEORGETOWN, IND., April 13, 1895.

Dear Sir:—Plants received promptly in splendid order. Finished setting them out today and find the count all O. K., for which I credit you as a nurseryman reliable and worthy of the patronage of berry growers.

Yours, ROBT. A. LAFOLLETTE.

GRAND LEDGE, MICH., May 6, 1895.

Dear Sir:—I was very much pleased with my plants. They were as fresh as if just dug, and I think they will all live although it has been a very bad time to set plants.

Yours respectfully, W. C. WOODS.

WALKERTON, May 6, 1895.

MR. C. E. WHITTEN, Bridgman, Michigan.

Dear Sir:—Yours of the 29th received containing stamps. The Gregg's were short in the number of bunches. I could hardly see myself how they came to be short but it occurred in some way. I thank you for the recognition and can assure you that I will give you my further orders.

Respectfully yours, WM. CLEM.

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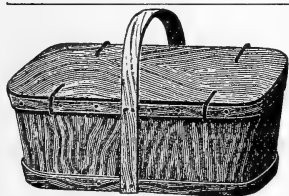
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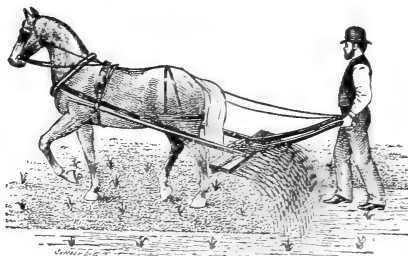
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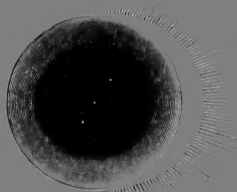
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